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*Jonah Hedges*

# Ohio

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1915

## Preface

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IT has been the aim of the Dolly Todd Madison Chapter, in the preparation of this volume, to accomplish something that not only would be of interest to the present, but a heritage to the future. Realizing that much of our early local history had not been written and that the few remaining pioneers of our community who had helped to make that history were rapidly passing, the Programme Committee for the year 1912-1913 concluded that the most useful and interesting work immediately before the Chapter was that of gathering together and preserving in permanent form, our early unwritten local history. Too long delayed, the task assumed, although pleasant, was not an easy one. To best accomplish it, different subjects covering the historic field, were assigned to the different members chosen for the work. The part the Red Man played in our local history was made the subject of a separate paper.

Other papers review the early history and progress of our State, and the important part it has played in the history and development of our Nation.

And since this volume has been prepared by a Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, it seems appropriate to include within it, not only the military services rendered our Nation by the Revolutionary ancestors of our Members, but also, in so far as possible, their authentic and traditional family history; and likewise, the lineage of our Members descended from such ancestors.

In thus preserving much of our local history for posterity, we cherish only the hope of a grateful appreciation; and we dedicate this volume to the Memory of our Pioneer Men and Women.

MRS. JOHN L. LOTT.

*Regent.*

Tiffin, Ohio, May 1, 1915.

*"A written memorial of the past and a record of the present, are works which civilization demands."*



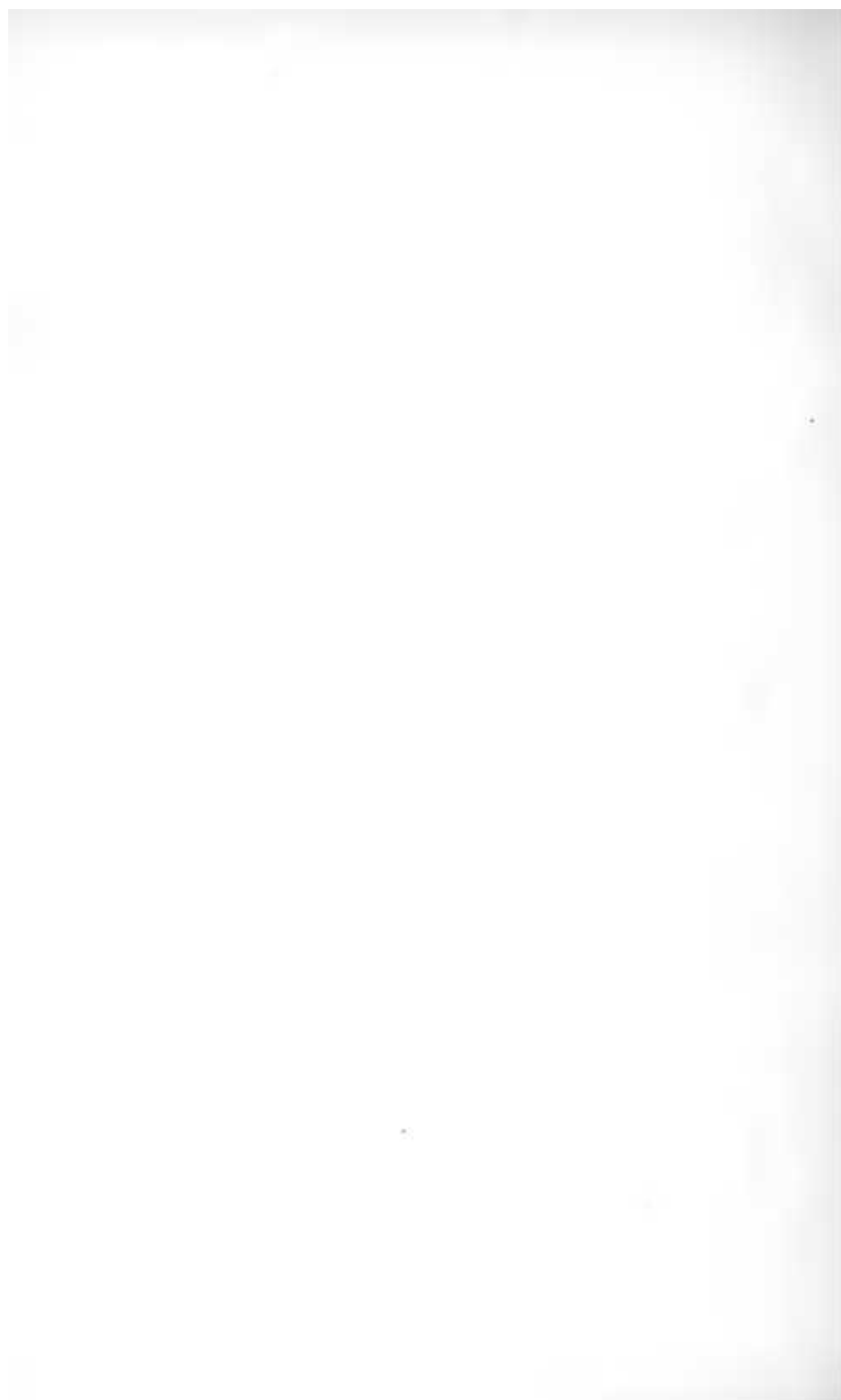
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## Early Ohio History

1803--1861

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By MRS. JAMES R. HOPLEY, Bucyrus, Ohio.

THE early history of Ohio carries us into foreign courts, out upon the high seas; into the heart of the most ancient civilization of this continent; it carries us into primeval forests and out upon the great inland lakes of the world. It is written in water, in blood, in fire and in the imperishable iron and granite of some of the completest and most wonderful characters of the world's history. Upon its soil occurred the first Declaration of Independence, and it was the battle ground at one and the same time of three nations. In Ohio the concluding battle of the Revolution was fought. The greatest general of his time was born in Ohio. The greatest American woman novelist of her time was born in Ohio, and the greatest living woman lyric singer is an Ohioan. Upon Ohio's soil culminated one of the great personal tragedies of history—the defeat of St. Clair, the Territorial governor, who, the hero of many wars, the presiding officer of the Continental Congress when the Ordinance of 1787 was framed, the man whose fortune clothed and fed Washington's forces at Valley Forge, was, in his old age and broken by defeat, banished to his former home in Pennsylvania, home, alas, no more. The government never repaid him, and he died by falling from the cart in which he drove from door to door, selling the produce of his own small garden. In a country graveyard at Greensburg, his resting place is marked with a humble sandstone, on which is inscribed "The earthly remains of General Arthur St. Clair are deposited beneath this humble monument, erected to supply the place of a nobler one due from his country." The long military service of General St. Clair had unfitted him for dealing with a representative body and that he was arbitrary in the discharge of his duties is true.